

**UNAPPROVED MINUTES
CITY OF MILPITAS
SISTER CITIES COMMISSION**

Minutes: Meeting of Sister Cities Commission (SCC)
Date of Meeting: Wednesday, August 24, 2006
Place of Meeting: Milpitas City Hall, 455 E. Calaveras Blvd., Committee Meeting Rm.

I. Roll Chair Grilli called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
Commissioners/Alternates Present: Arefi, Arthur, Garcia, Grilli, Mateo, Swiger
Commissioners Absent: McCarter and Wan
City Council Liaison: Bob Livengood
MUSD Liaison: Carmen Montano
Staff : Maxwell

II. Alternates There were no Alternates present.

III. Pledge Chair Grilli led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. Minutes **MOTION** to approve the Minutes of June 22, 2006.

M/S: Garcia/Grilli Ayes: All
Abstain: None

V. Agenda **MOTION** to approve the August 24, 2006 agenda.

M/S: Grilli/Garcia Ayes: All

VI. Announcements/Correspondence

Maxwell announced that Commissioner Satnam Singh Chahal had resigned due to work demands and health concerns.

Vice Chair Arthur requested there be a future agenda item to discuss commissioner responsibilities and participation.

VII. Citizen's Forum

None attending.

VIII. Old Business

1. HUIZHOU CITY, CHINA: SISTER CITIES RELATIONSHIP

Chair Grilli noted there would be no student visit to Huizhou this year and suggested that it might occur in 2007. The Commission discussed the challenges of planning a trip during the summer. Maxwell announced that the Memorandum of Understanding was signed by both cities and that Huizhou had sent a letter asking about the nature of the exchanges. It was the consensus of the Commission to agendize a discussion of the letter for the next meeting.

2. DAGUPAN CITY, PHILLIPINES: SISTER CITIES RELATIONSHIP

It was noted that the Commission at the next meeting would review the visit evaluations.

3. TSUKUBA CITY, JAPAN: SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIP

Vice Chair Arthur reported on the visit from Tsukuba. She also discussed the possibility of dropping citizen visits and what occurred at a meeting of the Tsukuba commission. The Commission discussed the budget and schedule for the October visit. A subcommittee for the Tsukuba visit was formed with Commissioners Arthur and Garcia. Garcia reported that instructor Diana Orlando was interested in working on the next student trip to Tsukuba. There was further detailed discussion regarding the schedule, entertainment and events for the October visit. Maxwell discussed the schedule for setting up the city hall lobby display case.

4. EUROPEAN SISTER CITY RESEARCH

Commissioner Arefi reported that a German agency was interested in a sister city relationship but it turned out they wanted a county agency rather than a city.

XIII. CITY COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT

Councilmember Livengood had no reports.

SCHOOL BOARD LIAISON REPORT

Boardmember Montano announced that there would be an opening ceremony for teachers at the high school gym and that she would get the dates of the parents' night events at the various schools to the Commission.

IX. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. Sister City Relationships/Cultural Exchanges:
 - a. Tsukuba City, Japan
 - b. Dagupan City, Philippines
 - c. Huizhou City, China
2. European Sister City Research

X. ADJOURNMENT

No further business was discussed and the Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m. until the next regularly scheduled meeting on September 28, 2006.

Respectfully Submitted,

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